

REMARKS

By this amendment, applicants have canceled rejected claims 1 - 11, 22, 23, 26, 27, 31 - 33, 40 and 41 without prejudice or disclaimer and have canceled non-elected claims 12 - 21 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Applicants note that claims 28 - 30 and 34 - 39 have been allowed.

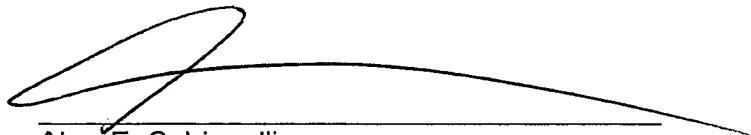
In view of the cancellation of claims 1 - 23, 26, 27, 31 - 33, 40 and 41 and since all of the now pending claims have been indicated as being allowable, it is submitted the rejections in the outstanding office action are moot and the subject application is in condition for allowance.

Since the foregoing amendment merely cancels claims, entry of this amendment under 37 CFR 1.116 is requested.

To the extent necessary, applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in the fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (Case: 503.39364X00), and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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